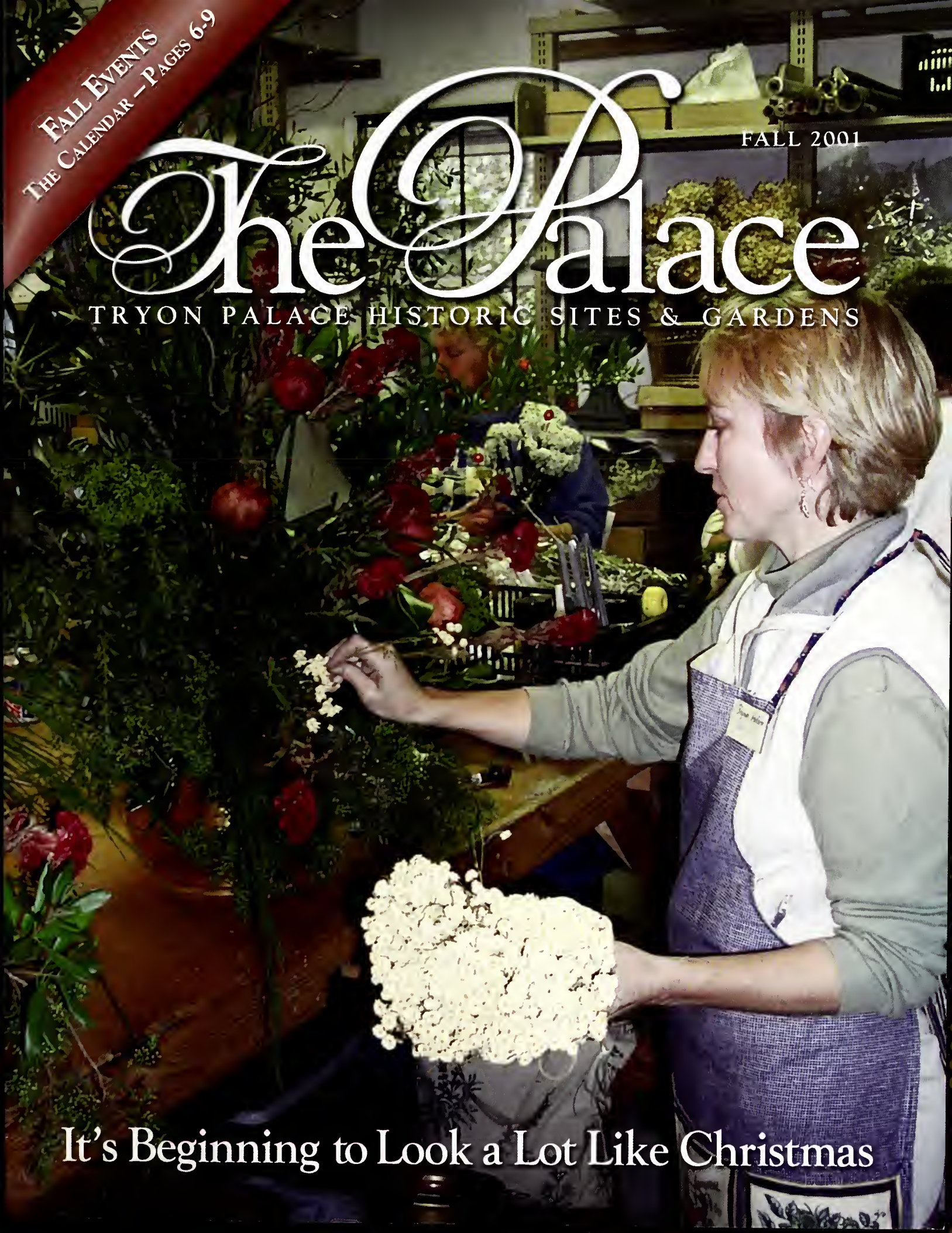


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# The Palace

TRYON PALACE HISTORIC SITES & GARDENS



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas





## Crowd Pleasers

*A large, enthusiastic and picnic-toting crowd filled Tryon Palace's South Lawn in late June for an outdoor concert by the Raleigh-based 440th Army National Guard Band. The Army band's first-ever appearance at the Palace was a fitting follow-up to the annual Tryon Palace performance by the North Carolina Symphony earlier in June, which drew a record crowd of 2,525 concertgoers to the South Lawn. An even bigger South Lawn concert series is in the works for 2002. Watch for details! ♦*

## Holidays Will Rock With Sounds of Jonkonnu

**B**igger and better are the watchwords as the African American Jonkonnu celebration — one of the highlights of the holiday season when it made its debut last Christmas — returns for an encore presentation this December on the streets around Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.

The raucous Jonkonnu parade of elaborately costumed singers, dancers, and musicians is an African American yuletide tradition unique to Eastern North Carolina. As the festive procession winds from house to house, it brings to life a 19th-century ceremony that blends West African, Caribbean, and English customs.

When Tryon Palace revived Jonkonnu last season for the first time in decades, its organizers found they had an instant hit on their hands. It turned out to be such a crowd-pleaser, in fact, that the troupe was invited to reprise its Jonkonnu celebration for Gov. Easley's inauguration last January in Raleigh.

For 2001, the Jonkonnu troupe has an added advantage of a year's experience under its belt.

"This year I hope to incorporate more elements from my research into the Caribbean and West African origins of the Jonkonnu tradition," says Simon Spalding, living history programs manager and director of the Jonkonnu celebration. "We have new and better drums and other instruments. We expect to use new songs, new dance moves, and most importantly, some new performers in addition to those from last year."

Two free performances will take place during each of Tryon Palace's candlelight evenings the two weekends before Christmas, Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 21-22. (See the calendar on Pages 8-9 for details.)

And Spalding has good news for those who find that watching the parade just isn't enough.

"We're actively recruiting new performers, and I would love to hear from community members who'd like to take part in this important event," he says.

Volunteers interested in joining the troupe — and the fun — can contact Spalding at (252) 514-4947 or by e-mail at [sspalding@tryonpalace.org](mailto:sspalding@tryonpalace.org). ♦

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## On the Cover

Floral designer Clara Curtis travels from Asheville each year to help Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens get decked out for the holidays. Story on Page 4.



## Shopper-in-Chief

WHERE DOES A RETAILER GO WHEN SHE'S NOT BEHIND THE COUNTER? SHOPPING, OF COURSE.

By Carl Herko

**A**my Tattersall has a confession to make: "I'm a shopaholic," she readily admits.

That's not such a bad thing, though, especially for someone in her line of work. Tattersall, retail operations manager at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens for the past two years, is the woman in charge of keeping things running smoothly, attractively — and profitably — at the Palace's Museum Shop and the Crafts and Garden Shop.

So in her case, the shopaholism bug turns out to be more virtue than vice.

"You have to be a shopaholic to work retail," Tattersall says. "A busman's holiday is the only kind of holiday retail people ever get." When you're off, you're usually out shopping. You're either looking at how people are putting stuff out on display, or you're comparing prices.

"It's just like being a chef: If you're a chef, you can't go out to dinner without critiquing the other chef's food," she explains. "As a retailer, whenever you go into another person's shop, you say, 'Oh, I love the way they did that,' or, 'Oh my gosh, that person is not being nice to me.'"

Actually, such vigilance is precisely what helps Tattersall create a shopping experience that meets the needs of two very different sets of "bosses" — the Palace and her customers.

The museum needs a successful retail arm, she explains, because profits from the shops pay for much of what makes the Palace special throughout the year.

"It's not that I'm just selling stuff and paying salaries and the light bill," Tattersall says. "We also fund all the craft purchases. When you see something being woven in the kitchen, the shops have paid for the materials. And the blacksmith's materials. And a lot of the Christmas decorations. Even plants in our gardens. The shops sponsor the annual Heritage Plant Sale in spring. We buy all the plant materials,



*"A busman's holiday is the only kind of holiday retail people ever get," says Amy Tattersall.*

retail them, and then all the money we make goes back into the greenhouse."

No less important, though, is the need to create a shopping experience for visitors that is every bit as rewarding — and as much fun — as the rest of their Tryon Palace visit.



**C**ase in point: The fine weavings, dolls, and other craft items made by Tryon Palace's own craft interpreters. Tattersall arranged to have them available for sale in the Crafts and Garden Shop.

"I looked at what we're producing on the grounds and got that into the shops as a focal point so that when people go into the shops, they can see more of a consistent theme. Now they can go into the kitchen, see how something is made, then they can purchase it in the shops."

Tattersall, a University of Virginia graduate, came to Tryon Palace with retail experience at museums in Delaware and Maryland as well as for a major credit card

company. But after moving to New Bern, where her retired parents live, her Tryon Palace career had an inauspicious start.

"I started working here one week before Hurricane Floyd," she recalls. "My first weekend here I broke the computer. My second weekend the hurricane hit. But I survived."

Besides supervising the shops' two full-time employees and dozen or so part-timers, besides seeing to it that the shelves are always full and suppliers are paid on time and customers never go away unhappy, hers is a job that requires Tattersall to live her life according to a yearly calendar that's the polar opposite of everyone else's. Last March, for instance, precisely as her customers were starting to get excited about buying items for their spring gardens, Tattersall was hard at work arranging for a new Tryon Palace Christmas ornament that won't be in the shops until November, just in time for busy Christmas season. More recently, In midsummer, Tattersall traveled to Atlanta to look for the merchandise that will fill her shelves not only at Christmas but next spring.

And when Christmas itself finally rolls around?

"By then I'm pretty well sick of it," she admits. "I love to gift-wrap things, but in my house I don't gift-wrap till Christmas Eve, and I need a couple of egg-nogs in me to really get going. I am very burned out on Christmas, usually."

Still, for a confessed shopaholic, how can a job like this be anything but fun?

"Yes, the job is fun," says Tattersall. "The fun part is that I do a lot of the buying. You get to remember what you buy, it comes in, you get to arrange it, develop themes, decorate, change everything around, and then you can see it sell."

"You just have to keep reminding yourself that you're not buying for yourself." ♦





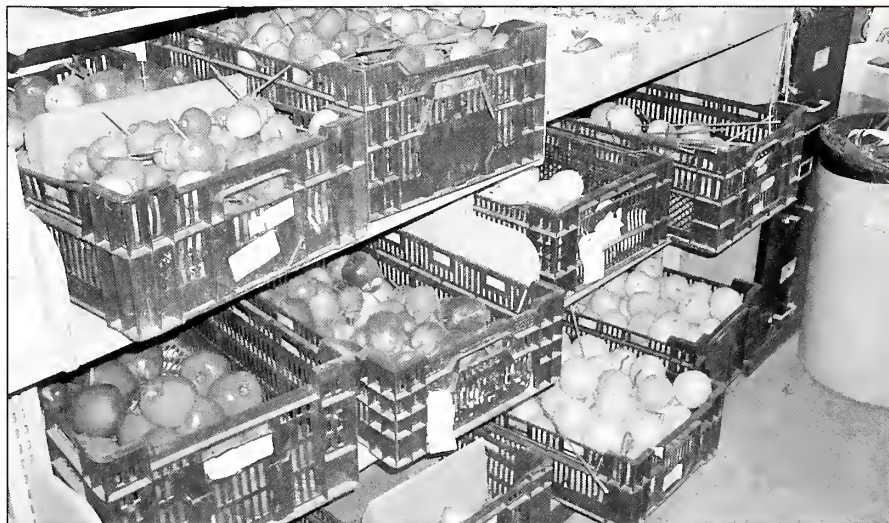
## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

THEN AGAIN, WHEN YOUR TASK IS TO COVER TWO ENTIRE CENTURIES OF CAROLINA CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS, IT HELPS TO GET AN EARLY START.

By Priscilla Speed Hunter

Sometime near the end of each year, a little holiday magic usually slips into our homes. We put up the tree or put out the menorah, wrap presents, cook goodies, and prepare to visit with friends and family. Folks at Tryon Palace are no different in that respect – they just start a lot earlier.

Tryon Palace's annual holiday celebration encompasses fully two centuries of Carolina Christmas traditions and includes everything from the perennially popular Candlelight Tours to a Civil War encampment to last year's raucous addition, a re-enactment of a 19th-century African American Jonkonnu parade. (Complete details are in the December calendar on Pages 8 and 9.)



*Crates full of fruit stand ready in the Palace's holiday design studios.*



*"I like to use what would have been available in Colonial times," says guest decorator Eve Davis.*

But the celebration can't even begin, of course, until the spectacular decorations go up.

So floral designer and holiday decorations coordinator Linda Stancill starts ordering supplies in July. By the beginning of November, greenery, dried plant material, and florist's supplies start rolling in. By mid-November, a donated Maola Milk refrigerated truck filled with fresh flowers and greenery is parked on Eden Street, volunteers begin streaming into the gardens maintenance building, and out-of-town guest decorators are bunked in New Bern's historic Gaston House for the duration.

"In addition to our regular garden staff of nine and assorted Palace staff members, more than 55 volunteers and four guest decorators are involved in decorating the Palace, historic houses, and gardens," says Perry Mathewes, curator of gardens. "We've been very lucky to persuade Eve Davis and Clara Curtis to come from the Asheville area as guest decorators for the past three years. Eve's skilled use of native plant materials and Clara's extensive knowledge of our site combine to create

really exceptional holiday displays."

Davis, owner of Asheville's Hawk and Ivy Inn and a nationally known floral designer, says she enjoys being a part of the Tryon Palace holiday efforts.

"I love the camaraderie here at the Palace and the commitment that everyone has to making this beautiful," she says.

Local designer Allen Toler heads the effort to design all the outdoor arrangements, a monumental task he shared in the past with former Palace Horticulturist Herb Rea, who retired after last year's decorating marathon.

"Allen has a flair for the dramatic and creates distinctively showy outdoor displays," says Mathewes. "And we're going to miss Herb's experience and devotion to Tryon Palace."

Curtis was assistant horticulturist to Rea when the tradition of holiday decorating at the Palace took a historical turn. She began the Palace's research into historical American Christmas traditions. She moved to the western part of the state several years ago



but now returns each year to share in the holiday excitement.

The annual task of decking the halls begins with a tour by staff and the guest decorators of all the exhibition buildings. Rooms are assigned and themes discussed. Then decorators and volunteers converge on the gardens maintenance building, a modest metal structure tucked behind the parking lot that becomes Decorating Central for the holidays.

Inside and out are boxes of dried flowers and tubs of fresh flowers — yarrow, cockscomb, magnolia (flowers and leaves), pussy willow, roses, bittersweet boughs, holly, juniper, lilies, poet's laurel, wax myrtle, Laurustinus, bay, cedar, pitcher plants, and artichoke flowers — nothing, it seems, is too exotic for Gov. Tryon's Christmas. Bushels of fresh lady apples, red and green apples, pears and oranges, and milk crates of plastic fruit, sorted by color and type, are stacked around the edges of the makeshift floral design studio.



*An army of volunteers helps get the decorating done in time for the holidays.*

Both Davis and Curtis say they have to get “warmed up” before tackling the big jobs. They consider the variation of color between different branches of winterberry berries: “That one’s too orange.” “Here’s a truer red.” “Look at this with the burnt orange ribbon!” Two days later the winterberry and the ribbon adorn the newel posts on the Palace’s grand staircase.

They discuss a vase: “How about that tall vase?” “It’s too white.” “We could bronze it.” “What about sponging?” Sometime later the vase re-emerges quieted

into a refined bronze vessel.

The two artists work well together and merge well with the Palace team.

“Eve is wonderful to work with,” says Curtis as she composes an opulent arrangement in her makeshift studio. “She has a different yet similar style to mine. And she’s not a prima donna.”

“I like to work in place, working with the scale of the room and the furniture,” says Davis. “I love using the native stuff where I can. I like to use what would have at least been available in Colonial times.”

Even with the guest decorators and all the regular garden staff, there’s still too much to do. That’s where the volunteers come in. In the garden maintenance building, a table full of volunteers fastens sprigs of boxwood with wire onto sticks, another inserts cloves into tangerines, yet another staples magnolia leaves to styrofoam forms.

“It’s a fun way to kick off the holiday season and learn some new things at the same time,” says Joan Wicke of the Trent Woods Garden Club.

“I just love to do it because there’s a lot of camaraderie here,” says five-year veteran Martha Meehan. “I’ve gotten a couple of my friends involved too.”



**F**or the 2000 holiday season, Tryon Palace also recruited a group of pint-size volunteers for the first time.

“We asked local schools if they wanted to participate in our holiday celebration,” says Sharon Bryant, Public Services Branch assistant. “The schools were thrilled to help Tryon Palace because the schoolchildren had read so much about it and many have toured.”

Some of the children made paper snowflakes, sparkly pinecones, yarn-and-Popsicle-stick stars, and other ornaments for a tree inside one of the historic homes. Others created bird-friendly decorations for an outdoor tree in one of the gardens. Milk carton bird feeders, nail-polish-bottle angels, wreaths decorated with Froot Loops and marshmallows, and pinecones



*Gardens Supervisor Keith McClease hangs a pineapple wreath on one of the Palace's front gates.*

liberally smeared with peanut butter gave local birds and squirrels an unexpected treat.

And for Christmas 2001? The theme of this year’s celebration — “Two Centuries of a Carolina Christmas” — encompasses every period from the simple days when New Bern was the capital of a British colony, through the harsh Civil War years, up to the end of the ostentatious Victorian era. Without giving away any surprises, it’s safe to say some things will be new and different, some reassuringly the same.

“Every year, we try to do something a little different with our holiday presentation to keep it fresh,” says Mathewes.

But it will all be magical. It always is. The magic is infused by the participants — volunteers, schoolchildren, a talented staff, gifted designers, performers, and visitors — each of whom throw a little elf-dust into the mix to make a very special, historical holiday. ♦



# October

## 2 Movie:

### The Color Purple

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. This interpretation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning book spans more than 40 years as it tells the story of an African American girl's life in the South. Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Whoopi Goldberg, Oprah Winfrey, and Danny Glover.

## 4 Workshop:

### Make Me a Quilt — A Legacy of America's Families

Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., New Bern Academy. \$4; materials fee \$5; limited to 15 participants. Advance registration and payment is required; call 514-4935 for reservations.

The Twin Rivers Quilters Guild will demonstrate the craft of fine quilt-making. Bring your material, sew a little, explore how this time-honored tradition is passed down from generation to generation, and leave with a little piece of legacy.



## 6 Children's Workshop:

### Dig It!

Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center. \$8 per child; limited to 15 participants; call 514-4935 for reservations.

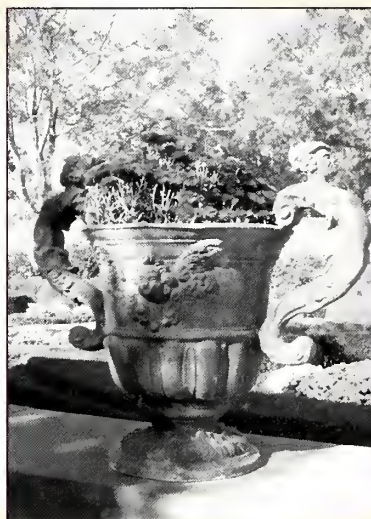
Students will learn how archaeologists find

out about the past by participating in a simulated archeological excavation. A three-hour program for children ages 9-12.

## 7 Kids' Flicks:

### American History for Children — United States Flag

Sunday, 2 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Our popular children's historical film series returns for the fall season with a 25-minute video on the history of the United States flag. Brightly colored graphics and animation, sing-along songs and engaging stories make this video appropriate for ages 4-10.



## 12 Special Event:

### to MumFest 2001

14 Friday through Sunday. Gardens open free to the public; interior tours at regular price.

Our gardens will be ablaze with thousands of chrysanthemums for this citywide celebration. The 4th Company, Brigade of Guards in America, will encamp on the South Lawn. Crafts demonstrations are set for the Palace grounds, and the Crafts and Garden Shop will sell historic plants. The festival also features crafts, rides, games, and

family entertainment in New Bern's historic downtown. Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens co-sponsors MumFest 2001 with the City of New Bern and Swiss Bear Inc.

## 13 Garden Lecture:

### Gardens of the World

Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free.

Dr. Bruce Williams, director of horticulture programs at Brunswick Community College and co-host of Downeast Gardener on WECT-TV in Wilmington, will take you on a whirlwind tour of some of the greatest gardens in Italy, France, Great Britain, and Canada.

## 27 Saturday Sampler:

### New Bern Architecture on the Eve of the Civil War

Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Architectural historian Peter Sandbeck will present a lecture comparing 1860s photographs of New Bern's antebellum buildings, landscapes, and people with modern-day views of the same scenes, revealing how the Union occupation of New Bern during the Civil War allowed the town to preserve its architectural treasures.

## 28 Walking Tour:

### African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour

Sunday, 2 p.m. Departs from the Visitor Center. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. These walking tours were so popular when we first offered them last winter, we just had to bring them back! Explore New Bern's African American downtown historic district with Holly Fisher, director of the African American Research Project.

# November

**4 Kids' Flicks:**  
**Thanksgiving**  
 Sunday, 2 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Kids will learn about the history and traditions of America's harvest holiday. This video is part of the Holidays for Children Series that shows why and how we celebrate and demonstrates the importance of sharing holidays with family and friends. Film runs 25 minutes and is appropriate for Grades K-4.

**6 Movie:**  
**A Man for All Seasons**  
 Tuesday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. A sweeping epic about the moral battle between Sir Thomas More and King Henry VIII over the formation of the Church of England. Starring Orson Welles, Susannah York, and Vanessa Redgrave.

**8 Lecture:**  
**The Other Union Soldiers — African American Soldiers of the First Volunteer Corps of North Carolina**  
 Thursday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free.  
 Dr. Steve Newton of Delaware State University will speak about the contribution of African American soldiers in Eastern North Carolina during the Civil War.

**10 Garden Lecture:**  
**The Myth of the Colonial Herb Garden**  
 Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.  
 Dr. Arthur Tucker of Delaware State University will dispel many of our

misconceptions of what a Colonial garden was like. A nationally recognized expert on herbs, he will talk about the plants actually grown in the garden and the people growing them.

**17 and 18 Special Event:**  
**Colonial Living Days**  
 Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Special activities are included with all Tryon Palace tickets. Spend the weekend taking in the sights and sounds of Colonial North Carolina. Gov. and Mrs. Tryon will greet visitors in the Palace, members of the Colonial militia will camp on the grounds, crafters will demonstrate their skills, and Pan's Fancy will present Colonial music in the Visitor Center Auditorium through the day.

**17 Concert:**  
**An Evening of Colonial Music — Pan's Fancy & Simon Spalding**  
 Saturday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Pan's Fancy is an instrumental duo from Philadelphia, performing dance music of the Colonial era on lute, bagpipe, recorder, and hurdy-gurdy. They are joined by living history programs manager Simon Spalding on the violin.

**18 Walking Tour:**  
**African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour**  
 Sunday, 2 p.m. Departs from the Visitor Center. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Explore New Bern's African American downtown historic district with Holly Fisher to learn what everyday life was like for a free African American in 19th-century New Bern.

**19 to 21 Special Program:**  
**Cooking for a Colonial Thanksgiving**  
 Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kitchen Office. Included with all Tryon Palace tickets. Join the cooks in the Palace Kitchen for three days of hearth cooking in preparation for a multicourse harvest-time meal. Dishes will include several meat and poultry dishes, fall vegetables, pies, and pudding — and, of course, turkey!



**22 Thanksgiving Day:**  
 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is closed for the holiday.

**30 Special Program:**  
**Holiday Hearth Cooking**  
 Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kitchen Office. Included with all Tryon Palace tickets. (Every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 22.) Visit the Palace Kitchen during the holiday season to watch the cooks prepare an elaborate holiday meal for Gov. Tryon. Different dishes will be prepared each day, and the complete meal will feature many foods of Colonial North Carolina.



# December

- 1 to 31** **Holiday Celebration 2001:**  
Daytime Holiday Tours — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday  
All decked out in holiday finery, Tryon Palace, its historic homes and the New Bern Academy welcome visitors to two centuries of American Christmas traditions. Call (252) 514-4900 or (800) 767-1560 for a copy of our Holiday Celebration 2001 brochure.



- 1** **Special Program:**  
**Holiday Hearth Cooking**  
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kitchen Office. Included with all Tryon Palace tickets. (Every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 22.)  
Visit the Palace Kitchen during the holiday season to watch the cooks prepare an elaborate holiday meal for Gov. Tryon. Different dishes will be prepared each day, and the complete meal will feature many foods of Colonial North Carolina.

- 2** **Kids' Flicks:**  
**Harriet Tubman**  
Sunday, 2 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.  
Learn about African American abolitionist Harriet Tubman, a courageous woman who fought against slavery in the 1800s. This animated video runs 30 minutes and is appropriate for Grades 1-4.

- 4** **Movie:**  
**A Christmas Carol**  
Tuesday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the

Tryon Palace Council of Friends.  
George C. Scott stars as Scrooge in this version of the Dickens classic. Filmed on location in England, the production features exquisite Victorian era detail. The supporting cast includes Nigel Davenport, Frank Finlay, Susannah York, and Edward Woodward.

- 7 and 8** **Special Program:**  
**Holiday Hearth Cooking**  
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kitchen Office. Included with all Tryon Palace tickets. (Every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 22.)  
See the Dec. 1 listing for details.

- 8** **Garden Lecture:**  
**Beyond Boxwood — Creative Christmas Decorations**  
Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.  
Floral Designer and Greenhouse Manager Linda Stancill will demonstrate how to make spectacular Christmas displays for your home. Stancill will share tips used in creating many of the Christmas displays at Tryon Palace as well as offer unique ideas for the holiday decorating season.

- 8** **Workshop:**  
**Making Victorian Christmas Tree Ornaments**  
Saturday, 10 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center. \$7; workshop is limited to 10 participants; reservations are required; call 514-4935 for reservations.  
Make and take home unique 1880s Christmas ornaments popular in American homes during the Victorian era.

- 10** **Story Hour:**  
**Tales of African American Heroism in the 19th Century**  
Monday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

Dramatist Pam Ward will reveal through the ancient art of storytelling how African Americans in 19th-century New Bern dealt with life in a highly restrictive society.

- 13** **Workshop:**  
**Jonkonnu Mask-making**  
Thursday, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Trent Court Auditorium. Free.  
Learn about African mask-making traditions, then make a mask to take home. Double your fun by wearing your masks that weekend at the Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens Jonkonnu celebration! This after-school workshop for children of all ages and their families is sponsored by Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens and the Housing Authority of the city of New Bern.



- 14** **Christmas Candlelight Tour:**  
Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. (ticket sales end at 8 p.m.). Admission charged.  
Tour the decorated first-floor rooms of Tryon Palace, the Kitchen Office, and our historic homes. Visit the Civil War camp to capture the spirit of a wartime Christmas. Enjoy holiday music, cider, and cookies at the Palace stables. (Note: The New Bern Academy is open only for daytime holiday tours.)



**14 Jonkonnu Celebration 2001:**  
Friday, 6 and 8 p.m. Free.  
Elaborately costumed singers, dancers and musicians re-create an African American yuletide tradition unique to Eastern North Carolina. As the festive procession winds from house to house, it brings to life a 19th-century ceremony that blends West African, Caribbean, and English customs.

**14 and 15 Special Program:**  
**Holiday Hearth Cooking**  
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kitchen Office. Included with all Tryon Palace tickets. (Every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 22.)  
See the Dec. 1 listing for details.

**15 Saturday Sampler:**  
Dispelling Modern Myths — The True History of Civil War Medical Techniques  
Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. George Wunderlich of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine will speak on Civil War medicine, using primary source accounts of Civil War medical practices to focus on available medicines and medical techniques used during the 1860s.

**15 Workshop:**  
Creating Holiday Confections — Gingerbread Houses  
Saturday, 10 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center. \$10; reservations are required. Workshop is limited to 10 participants; call 514-4935 for reservations. Learn about European gingerbread traditions, then design and build your own gingerbread house.

**15 Christmas Candlelight Tour:**  
Saturday, 5 to 9 p.m. (ticket sales end at 8 p.m.).  
See the Dec. 14 listing for details.

**15 Jonkonnu Celebration 2001:**  
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**16 Walking Tour:**  
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**16 Concert:**  
Camp Music of the Civil War  
Sunday, 3 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticketholders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. George Wunderlich of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and Tryon Palace's Simon Spalding will present a concert featuring soldiers' music of the Civil War. This concert will include both Confederate and Federal selections on banjo and fiddle.

**19 and 20 Day Camp:**  
Tryon Palace Christmas Camp  
Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. \$16; each session is limited to 15 day campers; call Craven County Recreation and Parks at 636-6606 for reservations.

A holiday day camp for ages 9–12 featuring tours of historic buildings decorated for Christmas, dancing and drilling in the Civil War encampment, and festive crafts workshops for making Victorian ornaments and gingerbread houses. Co-sponsored by Craven County Recreation and Parks.

**21 Christmas Candlelight Tour:**  
Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. (ticket sales end at

p.m.). Admission charged.  
See the Dec. 14 listing for details.

**21 Jonkonnu Celebration 2001:**  
Friday, 6 and 8 p.m. Free.  
See the Dec. 14 listing for details.

**21 and 22 Special Program:**  
**Holiday Hearth Cooking**  
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kitchen Office. Included with all Tryon Palace tickets. (Every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 22.)  
See the Dec. 1 listing for details.

**22 Christmas Candlelight Tour:**  
Saturday, 5 to 9 p.m. (ticket sales end at 8 p.m.). Admission charged. (This is the final candlelight tour of the season.)  
See the Dec. 14 listing for details.



**22 Jonkonnu Celebration 2001:**  
Saturday, 6 and 8 p.m. Free. (This is the final Jonkonnu celebration of the season.)  
See the Dec. 14 listing for details.

**24 to 26 Holiday:**  
Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is closed for the holiday.



# Of Friends, Annual Funds – and Why We Need Your Support

By Nancy Mansfield

Over the past year a fair number of people have asked what on earth we mean by asking them to support an annual fund. Doesn't the State of North Carolina support us? Doesn't the Tryon Palace Council of Friends collect annual membership fees? Might we be just a little bit greedy?

Since fall is here and letters asking for annual fund donations will soon find their way into the mailboxes of our many friends and supporters, I thought some straight answers to these very legitimate questions might be in order.

Our state's budget woes notwithstanding, I am happy to report that North Carolina's first capitol continues to receive state funding. Taxpayer support underwrites essential everyday services – items like utilities, routine maintenance, and basic personnel. We couldn't function without this support and are very grateful for it. But many of the things that make a visit to Tryon Palace exceptional receive no state money at all. If we relied solely on public funding, we'd have no character interpreters, no craftspeople, no African American research, no Christmas programming. This special programming, now as always, is underwritten by private funding. And this brings us to the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

An important part of the mission of the Council of Friends is to raise private funds,

of which membership fees have been the principal source. But membership means more than someone writing a check once a year. Members demand and deserve service. Last year we revised our membership structure to make it more appealing and useful for both individuals and families. We now offer every member the option of an annual pass good for unlimited visits, as well as other benefits, including *The Palace*. Of course these benefits, especially the annual passes, mean higher costs. Because Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is publicly owned, the Council of Friends must buy annual passes for its members from the state. In fact, when a member joins at the basic \$40 level and elects to receive an annual pass, the entire fee goes towards buying that pass.

Membership fees can't pay for all the special programming that we need to make the past alive and exciting for our visitors, particularly the schoolchildren who come to us to learn North Carolina history.

Enter the annual fund. Annual fund-raising is new to the Palace – we started only last fall – but it is standard fund-raising procedure in the not-for-profit world, including state cultural institutions. In contrast to membership building, the annual fund is strictly a fund-raising effort.

A gift to the annual fund offers a good warm feeling and a tax deduction. Nothing more, nothing less. All of the contribution – minus a few modest fund-raising costs,

such as writing and sending a letter or two can be used to support activities.

So, which do we want: Council of Friends memberships or annual fund gifts? The answer is, of course, both. We want and need all the friends we can get, and we want them to be actively involved with us. A strong membership is a vote of confidence in Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens and helps to leverage support from other sources, such as the government and private foundations and corporations.

Similarly, a strong annual fund with many contributors helps to leverage other support. We know, as well, that there are folks who for one reason or another choose not to join the Council of Friends but want to support our work at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens. A gift to the annual fund is the answer.

We're hoping of course that many folks will choose to belong to the Council of Friends and to support the annual fund. Both membership and the annual fund offer various levels of participation, and we encourage supporters to pick the level in each that benefits them and us. Whatever the choice, you can be assured that your support will make a real and positive difference. ♦

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## History on the Road

*Intrepid day-trippers Linda Stancill, Allie Andrews, David Hickman, Brenda Stott, and Gordon Ruckart enjoy a tour of the antebellum plantation Coolmore, part of a full day of sightseeing in historic Tarboro, N.C., in late August, with the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Here the Tryon Palace travelers pause in the plantation house dining room to admire the heirloom china of the family that built Coolmore. ♦*





*The Tryon Palace Council of Friends welcomes the following new members who have joined since May 10, 2001:*

**SUSTAINER**

Alex G. MacFadyen Jr., Raleigh

**SUPPORTER**

Mr. and Mrs. John Bircher, New Bern  
 Rev. and Mrs. Nelson W. Koscheski,  
 New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oettel, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Niel,  
 New Bern

**FAMILY/GRANDPARENTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kuntz, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Pierson, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Owen R. Smith, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Sterling, New Bern

**ASSOCIATE**

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bauguess, New Bern  
 Virginia Breaton, New Bern  
 Lt. Col. Joseph W. White (Ret.) and  
 Dr. Rose D. Danella, New Bern  
 Margaret Delmar, New Bern  
 Vernon B. Fitzgerald, New Bern

Sandra M. Fox, Kinston  
 Toni Gerringer, New Bern  
 Carol L. Haggett, Bridgeton  
 Madeline Hasselbach, New Bern  
 Ethel Hess, New Bern

## Leave a Legacy

When you are planning your estate, please consider including Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens. Your gift will help to assure our future. A bequest directed to the "Tryon Palace Council of Friends" or the "Tryon Palace Commission" is the simplest way to leave a legacy. Cash, securities, real estate, or other property are all good gifts. We are delighted to talk with you, as well, about trusts, pooled income funds, and other ways to benefit the Palace while providing income to you during your lifetime. If you would like to discuss a planned gift, please call Nancy Mansfield, development officer, at (252) 514-4956. Your inquiry will be handled promptly and discreetly.

*Please put Tryon Palace in your will, and please tell us when you do.*

Jodi Hudson, Greenville  
 Linda Jones, New Bern  
 Susan Legg, Chocowinity  
 Janet M. Loader, New Bern  
 Rick A. Lupton, Greenville  
 Henry Marchetti, New Bern  
 Martha Marta, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Leo Minervini, New Bern  
 G.B. Moore, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morris,  
 New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Otterback,  
 New Bern  
 Dr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Overby Jr.,  
 New Bern  
 Priscilla Paepcke, New Bern  
 Martha M. Perry, New Bern  
 Celeste L. Pottier, New Bern  
 James M. Reinburg, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher S. Richie,  
 New Bern  
 Marianne Robinson, Oriental  
 Barbara Vickers, Greenville  
 Audrey Von Dolln, New Bern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Wagner,  
 New Bern  
 Mark T. Weaver, New Bern  
 Juliann E. Woods, New Bern

## Want to Be Part of the Festivities?

**T**he holiday season brings extra crowds, extra festivity and extra fun to Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens each year, all of which means we need extra help to create a memorable experience for our visitors. If you have a little extra time on your hands — and a desire to be part of the most exciting attraction in New Bern, at its most exciting time of the year — we can use your talents in any of these volunteer opportunities:

**DECORATORS:** Volunteers are instrumental in helping us decorate Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens for the holiday season. Help us deck halls and spread holiday cheer again this year. Volunteers are especially needed Nov. 24 and 26-30. This is a great opportunity to learn some decorating secrets from the pros.

**A CERTAIN HOLIDAY SUPERSTAR:** Have you ever dreamed of having millions of adoring fans? If so, we've got a job for you! We're looking for volunteers to portray a certain well-known elf during our Candlelight Tours dressed in his holiday garb from

earlier eras. Call for more specific details.

**ARTS & CRAFTS LEADER:** Our holiday tours this year will feature hands-on craft activities for schoolchildren and families. Volunteers are needed to help staff our activity centers. No artistic talent is required, just a love of working with children of all ages.

**CIDER AND COOKIES:** Each year the Tryon Palace Council of Friends provides holiday refreshments for our Candlelight Tour guests. Volunteers are needed to help greet visitors and distribute cider and cookies. Times are 5 to 7 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 14, 15, 21, and 22.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** A volunteer with a knack for photography is needed to help digitally photograph collection pieces in the conservation lab. Knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, or a desire to learn the program, is helpful.

To volunteer for any of these projects or to learn about other opportunities, contact Volunteer Coordinator Fran Campbell at (252) 514-4951. ♦





## 'Tis the Season

Autumn has arrived — at last! — and that means the holiday season won't be far behind. Now is the perfect time to visit the Tryon Palace museum shops for all your seasonal needs.

Lovely fall garden accessories like this Tuscan urn (mums optional) will look great in any style garden. The ceramic urn pictured here sells for \$45, and we also carry urns in a wide range of other styles and prices. What better way to spend a glorious autumn weekend day than strolling through our mum gardens followed by a stop in our shops?

Christmas treasures are also on every shopper's list at this time of year, and we're here to make the experience as festive as we can with our gift wrapping and shipping services, as well as a creative array of last-minute gifts. And don't forget: Members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends get an extra 10 percent off all purchases during Council of Friends Bonus Days in December. Watch your mailbox for details!



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